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Serial No. : 09/312,596 Examiner: S. Gucker
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For : A-FORM OF CYTOPLASMIC DOMAIN OF nARIA
(CRD-NEUREGULIN) and USES THEREOF

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Final Office Action issued on June 10, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 10, 2003 Final Office Action was originally due September 10, 2003. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from September 10, 2003 to December 10, 2003 for responding to the June 10, 2003 Final Office Action in order to file a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner's Decision to the Board of Patent Appeals. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is \$475.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, the subject application is currently pending for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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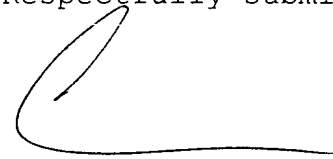
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No fee, other than the enclosed \$475.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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